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The diagram illustrates a system with two mobile stations (cars) and a central base station. The base station is represented by a circle labeled '3' containing a car icon. A line labeled '8' points to the base station. Two other circles, labeled '4' and '5', represent the mobile stations, each containing a car icon. A line labeled '7' points to the bottom mobile station. A horizontal line labeled 'S1' connects the base station to a cylinder labeled '1'. A horizontal line labeled 'S2' connects the bottom mobile station to a cylinder labeled '2'. A horizontal line labeled 'S3' connects the top mobile station to a rectangle labeled '5'. A horizontal line labeled 'S4' connects the bottom mobile station to a rectangle labeled '6'. A vertical dashed line connects the two cars.

The present invention provides a method whereby a traveller, currently located in a location with which he is not familiar, can easily access information, relating to his current location, over the Internet, or from some other computer system. In particular, the present invention implements the method by using a telephone system, which may be either the PSTN, or a mobile cellular system, such as the GSM system, to identify the current location of an individual seeking information relevant to his current location, using data on the individual's current location to automatically locate relevant information on a computer database, or databases, and making this information available to the individual desiring the information. A user's terminal may employ software to generate a menu driven selection process and conceal, from the user, details of the automated process of searching for the most relevant information, thus creating a user friendly system. The present invention can be used with any computer-based database, but is primarily intended for use with the Internet.

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